## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

| FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN                 |              |
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| RONALD WAYNE MARTIN,                                  |              |
| Plaintiff,  | ORDER        |
| v.  MICHAEL ASTRUE,  Commissioner of Social Security, | 12-cv-48-bbc |
| Defendant.  |              |
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The parties have filed a stipulation for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. 2412, in the amount of \$7,000, in full satisfaction of any claims for fees for costs in this case.

Further, the parties agree that the award may be paid to plaintiff's counsel but may be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed by plaintiff Martin to the United States pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010).

After entry of this order, if counsel for the parties can verify that plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, defendant will direct that the award be made payable to plaintiff's counsel under the EAJA assignment signed by plaintiff and his counsel.

## ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Ronald Wayne Martin is awarded attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$7,000. This amount is to be made payable to plaintiff's attorney, Dana Duncan, contingent upon payment of money owed to the United States.

Entered this 15th day of February, 2013.

BY THE COURT: /s/ BARBARA B. CRABB District Judge